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Administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document E/CN.4/1998/L.71 entitled "Situation of human rights in Cambodia"

A. Requests contained in the resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraph 20 of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.71, the Commission on Human Rights would request the Secretary-General to examine the possibility of the appointment of a group of experts to evaluate the existing evidence and propose further measures, as a means of bringing about national reconciliation, strenthening democracy and addressing the issue of individural accountability.

B. Relationship of requests to the programme of work

2. The above-mentioned activity falls under programme 19 (Human Rights), subprogramme 3 (Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities) of the medium-term plan for 1998-2001 (A/51/6/Rev.1).

3. It also falls under subprogramme 3 (Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities) of Section 22 (Human Rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Request as contained in paragraph 20: during the course of 1998, the Group of Expert, consisting of three experts from Australia, Southern Africa, and Northern America, would undertake one trip to the Hague, for a period of 7 working days, to hold consultations at the International Criminal Tribunal.

5. In 1998, the Group of Expert would undertake one visit to Cambodia for a period of ten working days.

D. Modification of the programme of work

6. The description of the programme of work under subprogramme 3 of Section 22 of the programme budget for 1998-1999 would be modified through the addition of a reference.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The prelimary estimated full cost of the above activity is itemized as follows:

Section 22

A.	Fees and Travel of Group of Experts	
	Fees for 1 w/m for 3 experts	$ 23,400
	Travel to the Hague for 7 working days in 1998	$ 6,500
	Travel to Cambodia for 10 working days in 1988	$ 13,500
B.	Miscellaneous expenses in connection with field missions	$ 3,000
	TOTAL	$ 46,400

F. Potential for absorption

8. No provision has been made under the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for this purpose. The Secretary-General will review the possibility of funding this activity from extra-budgetary resources under existing trust funds of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Should it not be possible to identify extra-budgetary resources for this purpose, the potential for absorption as well as any net additional resources required under the regular budget would be included in the final programme budget implication statement to be submitted to the next session of the Economic and social Council in the context of the Council's review of the report of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.